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SUBJECT: IRC MEDICAL PROGRAM

1. DEPARTMENT HAS DISCUSSED IRC MEDICAL PROGRAM IN THAILAND WITH IRC REP DE VECCHI WHO RECENTLY VISITED POST. DEPARTMENT NOTES THAT HE HAS SUBMITTED A PROPOSAL TO USOM BANGKOK FOR ASSISTANCE FOR A TRAINING COMPONENT OF THE IRC MEDICAL PROGRAM. DEPARTMENT RECOGNIZES THAT EXPENDITURES FOR MEDICAL CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF REFUGEES IS NOT AN APPROPRIATE USE OF AID FUNDS. AS PREVIOUSLY NOTED, DEPARTMENT DOES NOT WISH TO CONTRACT DIRECTLY WITH IRC FOR THE REFUGEE COMPONENT OF THE IRC MEDICAL PROGRAM IN THAILAND NOR DO WE INTEND TO FURTHER EARMARK FUNDS CONTRIBUTED TO THE UNHCR. IF THE UNHCR DOES NOT WISH TO FUND THIS ACTIVITY OUT OF OUR GENERAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UNHCR FOR INDOCHINESE REFUGEES IN SOUTH EAST ASIA, THE IRC MEDICAL PROGRAM IN THAILAND CAN BE EXPECTED
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TO CLOSE IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.

2. HOWEVER, WE NOTE THAT PARTS OF THE IRC MEDICAL PROGRAM PROVIDE MEDICAL SERVICES TO RURAL THAI, THUS, PRESUMABLY STRENGTHENING THE THAI RURAL HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE. IRC ESTIMATES ABOUT 60 PERCENT OF ITS REGULAR MEDICAL

SERVICES GO TO INDOCHINESE REFUGEES AND 40 PERCENT TO THAI. ADDITIONALLY, THERE IS A TRAINING COMPONENT IN THE IRC MEDICAL PROGRAM WHICH MAY IN ITSELF, BE CONSIDERED DEVELOPMENTAL IN NATURE. EVEN IF THIS TRAINING PROGRAM IS NOT CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE FOR AID FUNDING AS A WHOLE, A PORTION OF THE TRAINING PROGRAM IS FOR THE TRAINING OF THAI RURAL HEALTH WORKERS.

3. IF THAT PORTION OF THE IRC MEDICAL PROGRAM WHICH CAN BE SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFIED AS SERVICING THE THAI CAN BE FUNDED THROUGH AID, THIS WOULD PROBABLY MAKE UNHCR FUNDING OF THE REMAINDER OF THE PROGRAM, RELATED EXCLUSIVELY TO THE CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF REFUGEES, MORE ACCEPTABLE TO BERTA AND UNHCR/GENEVA.

4. REQUEST MISSION/USOM ASSESSMENT AS TO WHETHER (1) CONTINUATION OF IRC MEDICAL PROGRAM DESIREABLE; (2)

A BREAK OUT OF THE THAI PORTION OF THAT PROGRAM APPEARS PRACTICAL; (3) RTG WOULD BE LIKELY FIND CONTINUATION OF THIS PROGRAM DESIREABLE; AND (4) MISSION WOULD RECOMMEND USG FUNDS FOR ANY PART OF THIS PROGRAM.
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